

QUEEN OF THE BEAST. ORIENTAL ZODIAC WAR-

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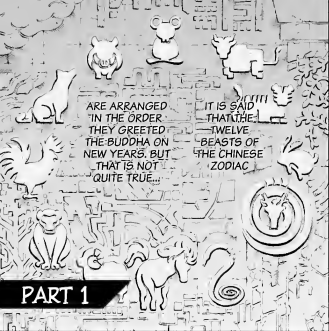
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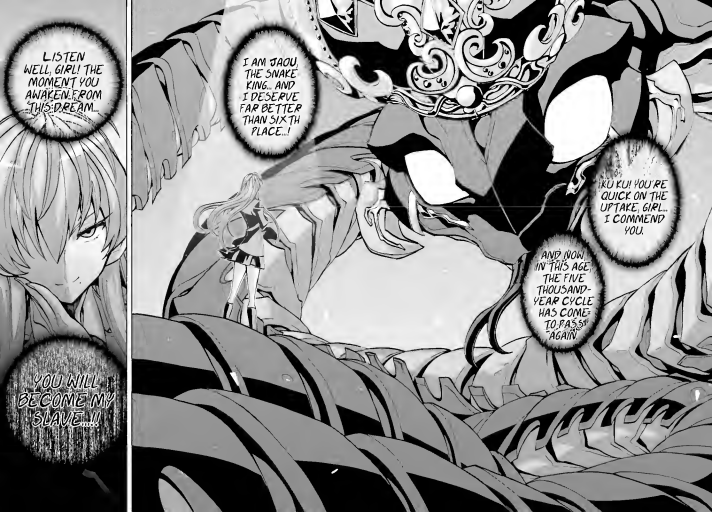
YOU TWELVE
BATTLE AMONGST
YOURSELVES EVERY
FIVE THOUSAND
YEARS TO DECIDE
THE KING OF THE
ZODIAC ANIMALS.

AND THE
CURRENT
ORDER IS
THE OUTCOME
OF THE
BATTLE FIVE
THOUSAND
YEARS AGO?



ER... THIS
IS ALL RATHER
SUDDEN, SO I'M
NOT SURE I
UNDERSTOOD
EVERYTHING.

BUT I
THINK I
GOT THE
GIST OF
IT.



LISTEN
WELL, GIRL! THE
MOMENT YOU
AWAKEN FROM
THIS DREAM...

I AM JAOU,
THE SNAKE
KING. AND
I DESERVE
FAR BETTER
THAN SIXTH
PLACE...!

KU KU! YOU'RE
QUICK ON THE
UPTAKE, GIRL...
I COMMEND
YOU.

AND NOW,
IN THIS AGE,
THE FIVE
THOUSAND-
YEAR CYCLE
HAS COME
TO PASS
AGAIN.

YOU WILL
BECOME MY
SLAVE...!!

AIMING
TO
BECOME
KING...

OF A
GIRL
AND A
BEAST

THIS
IS THE
STORY...





GOOD
MORNING.

IT'S
ANOTHER
LOVELY DAY
TODAY.

FUFU!



KYAAA! SHE'S
ALWAYS SO
BEAUTIFUL!

MAKABE-
SAMA HAS
ARRIVED AT
SCHOOL!

IT'S OUR
QUEEN,
MAKABE-
SAMA!



ADORED
BY THE
ENTIRE
STUDENT
BODY!

OH,
OUR
QUEEN,
MAKABÉ-
SAMA!

BELOVED
BY BOYS
AND GIRLS
ALIKE!



HER
ALMOND
EYES ARE
SUPER
HOT!

HER
STYLE PUTS
GRATIE
IDOLS TO
SHAME!

AND HER
COMMAND AIR
TANKALISS
IS ALL!



AHHH, NOW
SHE LIFTS
OUR SPIRITS
EACH AND
EVERY DAY!

BEAUTY THAT
TRANSCENDS
THAT OF A
HIGH SCHOOL
GIRL!

BEFORE
WE KNEW
IT, SHE WAS
KNOWN
AS THE
QUEEN!









EHEHE!
'MORNING,

MAKABE-
CHIN!



YOU
LOOK COLD,
MAKABE-
CHIN! I WANT
TO WARM
YOU UP!

WHAT'S
THE MATTER,
MOGGY? YOU'RE
SQUEEZING ME
SO TIGHT!

A-
HEY...!



IT'S THAT
PIGGY'S FAULT
FOR STEALING
MAKABE-
CHIN'S THINGS!

OH
DEAR...!



WE GOT
A CRISIS
HERE!

TA...
TAKARADA
MOGGY! WHAT
A TERRIFYING
GIRL...!!

HE MAY
BE A THIEF,
BUT YOU
WENT TOO
FAR!

BLEEEH!!!



WILL YOU
APOLOGIZE
TO HIM..?

NOW,
MOEGI
DARLING...

HHMM!

THAT'S
MY GIRL,
MOEGI.

SORRY...

THIS CASE
IS NOW
CLOSED!!

THERE IT IS!
MAKABE-SAMA
HAS SPOKEN!

THIS
GUY... HE'S A
HARDCORE
MASOCHIST..!

TO ME,
THIS PAIN
IS NOTHING
LESS THAN
A REWARD.

BUT
THERE'S NO
NEED TO
WORRY.

FUFU..
MAKABE-
SAMA...

I AM
HONORED
BY YOUR
CONCERN
FOR MY WELL-
BEING...





SO, YOUR
MAJESTY.

HOW DO
YOU LIKE
THE EARTH
AFTER FIVE
THOUSAND
YEARS?



The Sixth King
Jaou

HMPH...!

FOR ONE
THING, THE
CREATURES
LIVING ON
THE SURFACE
ARE TOO
DAMN PUNY...!

IT
CHANGED
A WHOLE
LOT WHILE
I WAS
GONE...



NOT TO
MENTION
YOU
BLOATING
OVER IT,
WENCH!

UFUFU!!

"OUR
QUEEN?"
WHAT A
LOAD OF
SHIT!!

AND WHAT
THE HELL
WAS THAT
PARADE
EARLIER!?



EVERYONE
CALLS ME THAT
WITH SUCH
AFFECTION.

ISNT IT
NICE?

FUFU...
COME
ON.



THEY DO
THAT EVERY
MORNING...!!

I CANT TELL
THEM TO STOP
CALLING ME
QUEEN NOW,
UFUFU!

AND THEY'RE
HAVING SO MUCH
FUN EVERY
MORNING!



JUST GOES
TO SHOW
HE WASNT
FIT TO BE
KING...

KEH...! THAT'S
WHAT YOU GET
IN A WORLD
RULED BY
NEZUOU!

YOU'RE JUST SO
ADORABLE, YOUR
MAJESTY! I'D
LOVE TO KEEP
YOU AS A PET!

I'M SIMPLY
OBSESSED
WITH CUTE
THINGS!

OH MY I'M
TERRIBLY
SORRY.

WHICH IS
WHY I'LL
WIN THIS
ROUND FOR
SURE, AND
RULE THE
EARTH...

HEY!
WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
DOING!?

NOW HEAR
ME WELL,
GIRL!!

A PET!?
HOW DARE
YOU, LOWLY
HUMAN!!

THE TWELVE
BEAST KINGS
RESIDE IN THE
WORLD OF GODS,
ON A HIGHER
PLANE THAN OF
THIS EARTH...

AND I AM
ONE OF THE
TWELVE!

YOU'RE
LOOKING AT
THE SNAKE
KING..!

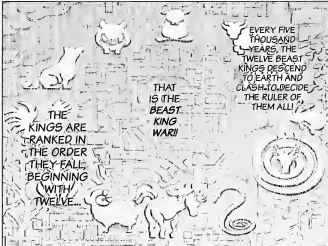
I AM A
TRUE
KING...!!

DO NOT
TAKE ME FOR A
FALSE RULER
LIKE WHAT
THAT RABBLE
CALLED YOU!



YOU ARE A
PAWN IN THE
UPCOMING
WAR!!

AND YOU'LL
LEARN YOUR
PLACE!!



THE
KINGS ARE
RANKED IN
THE ORDER
THEY FALL,
BEGINNING
WITH
TWELVE...

THAT
IS THE
BEAST
KING
WAR!!

EVERY FIVE
THOUSAND
YEARS, THE
TWELVE BEAST
KINGS DESCEND
TO EARTH AND
CLASH TO DECIDE
THE RULER OF
THEM ALL!



IS GRANTED
THE RIGHT TO
RULE OVER
ALL LIVING
BEINGS ON
EARTH!!

UNTIL THE LAST
ONE STANDING,
THE VICTOR... IN
OTHER WORDS,
THE KING RANKED
FIRST.

AN ALL-OUT WAR
WOULD SET THE
WORLD ABLAZE
IN A WEEK!!



BUT A
BEAST KING'S
STRENGTH
IS MIGHTY
INDEED!!

ONCE FOUND,
THEY ARE MADE
OUR PAWNS
AND GRANTED
PART OF OUR
POWER...

THUS, WE
REQUIRE
HUMANS
WHO CAN
SEE THE
KINGS!

TO SETTLE
THE DISPUTE
IN A PROXY
WAR!!!



AND USE
EVERY OUNCE
OF YOUR
STRENGTH
TO WIN! SO
THAT I...

WILL BECOME
THE KING OF
ALL KINGS AND
RULE THE
WORLD!!



BE
HONORED
TO PARTICI-
PATE IN A
BATTLE OF
KINGS...!



"PLEASE!"

YOU
FORGOT
TO SAY



THAT
IS BASIC
ETIQUETTE
IN THIS AGE,
MY KING.

YOU SAY
"PLEASE"
WHEN
ASKING
FOR HELP.

WHAT
WAS
THAT...!?

HUH...?



BOW MY
HEAD TO
A LOWLY
HUMAN...?

YOU DARE TO
DEMAND THAT
I, THE GREAT
SNAKE KING,

NEVER HAVE
I MET ANYONE
WITH YOUR
INSOLENCE,
GIRL... NOT EVEN
FIVE THOUSAND
YEARS AGO!



AT
WORST,
I'LL BE
RISKING
MY LIFE,
WON'T I?

AND ALL THIS
WAR BUSINESS
SOUNDS QUITE
DANGEROUS.

DEAR ME, WHAT
CAN A KING HOPE
TO ACCOMPLISH
IF HE CAN'T
MANAGE SUCH A
TRIVIAL THING?



I WOULDN'T
KNOW ABOUT
FIVE THOUSAND
YEARS AGO,

A HUMAN'S
SENSE OF
SELF-WORTH
HAS CHANGED
OVER TIME, YOUR
MAJESTY.

BUT THESE DAYS,
A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
WOULDN'T DREAM
OF PUTTING HER
LIFE ON THE LINE
FOR A KING SHE
HAS NEVER MET.

UNFORGIVABLE.....!!

UN...

A KING'S
ORDER...!?

YOU
DARE TO
DEFY...

I WAS VERY
NERVOUS
UNTIL NOW.

TO TELL
YOU THE
TRUTH,

YOUR
MAJESTY,

THERE
WON'T BE
ANY...!

I WAS
WORRIED WHAT
PUNISHMENT
WOULD BEFALL
ME, BUT NOW
IT SEEMS

OR REFUSED
TO FOLLOW
AN ORDER?

WHAT
WOULD
HAPPEN IF
I TOOK A
DEFIANT
ATTITUDE
TOWARD
THE KING



WHICH MEANS
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
POWER TO
FORCE AN
ORDER ON
ME...!

AND THEREFORE,
YOU MUST BUILD
BETWEEN US A
RELATIONSHIP
NOT OF MASTER
AND SERVANT,

BUT ONE
BUILT ON
TRUST...!!



IN OUR
EXCHANGE
A MINUTE
AGO..!

SHE
DARED...!!

WHY, THAT
LITTLE...!
SHE WAS
TESTING
ME...



HOW-
EVER...

YOU'RE VERY
CUTE, YOUR
MAJESTY,
AND I LIKE
YOU.



WOULDN'T
YOU BE
BETTER OFF
FINDING
SOMEONE
ELSE?

IF YOU
HAVE NO
INTENTION OF
BECOMING
FRIENDS
WITH ME,



THE OTHER
KINGS COULD
BE MY PETS
TOO! NOW
THAT'S AN
IDEA!

I KNOW!
WE SHOULD
ABANDON
THE WAR AND
ALL LIVE
TOGETHER!

AND BESIDES!
ISN'T IT TRAGIC
THAT THE CUTE
ANIMAL KINGS
HAVE TO FIGHT
EACH OTHER?



...UHMT.

STILL...

THEN
HOW
ABOUT
THIS...

SHE'S A
SLIPPERY
ONE...

ALREADY
BACK TO
BEING A
FOOLISH
BRAT...



WANT TO
BECOME
A *REAL*
QUEEN...?

I'LL
GIVE YOU A
REWARD...



ARE YOU
SATISFIED
WITH JUST
THE SCHOOL
FAVORING
OVER YOU?

*I KNOW
THE TRUE
NATURE OF
HUMANS...*



AND
I COULD
GRANT
ANY WISH
MY QUEEN
DESIRES...

WHEN I
BECOME THE
KING OF ALL
KINGS, MY WILL
BECOMES
ABSOLUTE



YOUR
MAJESTY...



DON'T YOU WANT
TO RULE OVER
EVERYTHING...?

*THEY ARE
GREEDY
CREATURES!*



I WANT
TO MARRY
SOMEONE
WITH TWO
LEGS!

I APPRECIATE
THE OFFER,
BUT NO
THANKS!





NEVER...!
I'M GONNA
MAKE HER
BOW TO
ME!!

FIND
ANOTHER
HUMAN?!

I'LL HAVE
HER KNEEL
AND LICK MY
TAIL.....!!



A LOWLY
HUMAN,
MAKING A
FOOL OUT
OF ME....!!

THAT
BITCH HAS
A REAL
ATTITUDE!!

SHE
WON'T GET
AWAY WITH
THIS!!!



TO
THINK HE
WAS THIS
CLOSE..!

IT'S
DEFINITELY
GONE..!



THIS
PRESENCE!!



WHY DID
I HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE
TO A PIG!?

I DID
NOTHING
WRONG!!

AAAA,
THIS
STINKS!



TAKARADA
REALLY IS A
MESS, ISN'T
SHE?

SHE
WENT OFF
SOMEWHERE
ALONE
EARLIER,
TOO!

ARHH!
TAKARADA-CAN
IS BEING SO
GOLD LATELY!



TAKARADA
MORE-GIT?

YEAH, THAT
GIRL WHO'S
ALWAYS
LOITERING
AROUND
MAKARE-
SANA.



FORGET
LEVELS,
THEIR SOULS
ARE ON
DIFFERENT
STAGES.

HEH,
YOU SAID
IT.

I DUNNO
IF THEY'RE
CHILDHOOD
FRIENDS, OR
WHATEVER.

BUT
THEY'RE ON
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
LEVELS,
RIGHT?



WHAT ARE
YOU, A
LOUSON?

I JUST CAN'T
HANDLE HER
CHARACTER.



ISN'T SHE
PRETTY
CUTE,
THOUGH?



REAL
BABY,
TOO.

YEAH,
THAT GIRL
SHINES
A LOT.



SHE'S JUST ONE
OF THE QUEEN'S
APPENDAGES.



WHAAAA-
AAAAHH-
HHHH!!!

GWAHH!!!





BUT
WHAT'S
SO WRONG
ABOUT ME
BEING
CLOSE TO
HER!?

I CAN'T
HOLD A
CANDLE TO
HER...!

IT'S TRUE THAT
MAKABE-CHIN IS
BEAUTIFUL AND
KIND AND HAS
BIG BOOBS...

SHUT UP,
SHUT UP!
ALL OF YOU
SHUT UP!!



IS THAT WHY YOU
STOPPED BEING
ONLY MINE...?

DO YOU THINK
OF ME AS AN
APPENDAGE
TOO!?

MAKABE-
CHIN...!



BECAUSE
YOU AND
I ARE!!

SAY IT
ISN'T SO,
MAKABE-
CHIN...!



LOOK...

AT
ME...!



LOOK...

THIS
WAY...!



LOOK THIS
WAY AND TELL
ME IT'S NOT
TRUE...!



PLEASE,
MAKABE-
CHIN...





DON'T BE
AFRAID.
I'M YOUR
ALLY...

JUST
LIKE
MINE...

YOUR
HEART...

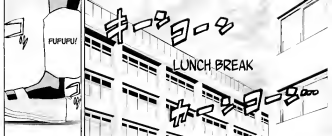
TAKARADA
MOEGI... IF
YOU CAN HELP
ME BECOME
THE FIRST,

THEN I'LL
HELP YOU IN
RETURN...!

!?

!?

IS FILLED
WITH LONE-
LINESS...





I WANTED
TO DRINK
VEGETABLE
JUICE...?

HEY...
DIDNT I
SAY



A-AND I
DECIDED TO
B-B-BUY
SOMETHING
ELSE...

THE VEGETABLE
JUICE WAS AL
B-SOLD OUT...

A-A-MY
APOLOGES!



THEN WHY
DIDNT YOU
CHECK THE
CORNER
STORES,
YOU PIG!?

BWOOF!!
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!!



C-CANT HANDLE
CARBONATED
DRINKS? YOU'RE
SO MOE,
MOE-SAMA...

OOO!

OH MY

TH-
THREE
SAND IS...

AND WHY DID
YOU BRING
SODA? I
CANT HANDLE
CARBONATED
DRINKS! ARE
YOU TRYING
TO SPITE ME!?





ANYWAY,
WHY ARE
YOU STILL
HERE!?
PIS!!





WHAT'S IT
GOING TO
TAKE...?

THERE'S NO
POINT IF YOU
WON'T GIVE
ME ALL YOUR
ATTENTION!!

I MADE
MYSELF CUTE
WITH BUNNY-
CHAN'S POWER,
BUT...



AND
WHAT ARE
YOU HIDING
UNDER YOUR
CLOTHES!?

WHO
IS THIS
'BUNNY-
CHAN'...?

YOU'RE
ACTING VERY
STRANGE,
MOEGI!



YOUR
MAJESTY!?



I'LL
TELL
YOU

WHAT
SHE'S
HIDING...!

SHOW
YOURSELF
ALREADY!!

WASN'T THAT
YOUR FAVORITE
TRICK? THE
RABBIT IS A
SYMBOL OF
SEX, AFTER
ALL....

THIS WHOLE
PLACE STINKS
'CAUSE OF YOUR
PHEROMONES BLASTING
EVERYWHERE!



THE
FOURTH
KING,

TOHOU,
THE RABBIT
KING....!!



THAT'S
DOUBLE THE
CUTENESS!!

MOEGI,
HOLDING A
RABBIT...!!

BY THE WAY,
AREN'T YOU
A LITTLE TOO
ARROGANT FOR
SOMEONE RANKED
TWO PLACES
BELOW ME?

I DIDN'T
EXPECT TO
MEET YOU
FIRST.

The Fourth King
Tohou

HELLO,
JAOU. IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE.

YOU THINK
IT WAS A
FLUKE? I'LL
SHOW
YOU...!!

INSUFFERABLE
AS EVER, I SEE!

AND YOU
WON YOURS
THROUGH A
FLUKE, SO
DON'T GET
COOKY!!

HEY! ANY RANK
LOWER THAN
SECOND MEANS
JACK SHIT!

SHE'S SURE
TO NOTICE
YOU MORE IF
WE WIN!!

WHY DON'T WE
HAVE A BEAST
KING WAR WITH
HER?

MOEGI! IT
LOOKS LIKE YOUR
BELOVED MAKABE
WAS AN ENEMY
KING'S PROXY!

BUNNY-
CHAN....!?

IS THAT
RIGHT,



THEY'RE
RARING TO
KILL!!

OOH,
SCARY!

YOUR
MAJESTY...?



THAT
TWIN-TAILED
BRAT COULD
SEE ME FROM
THE VERY
BEGINNING!!

KU KU,
DIDN'T YOU
NOTICE?

THIS WAS
ALL PLANNED,
WASN'T IT?

YOU
MUST'VE
KNOWN
SOMETHING,
YOUR
MAJESTY...!



SHE WAS MY
BACKUP PLAN IF
THINGS WENT
WRONG...

YOU
LOOK COLD,
MAKASE-
CHIN!

BUT I DIDN'T
EXPECT HER TO
MAKE HERSELF
USEFUL THIS
WAY!



SO YOU
PROVOKED
HER...!

IF
YOU DON'T
BORROW MY
POWER...

THAT BRAT
IS GOING TO
KILL YOU!!

NOW,
WHAT WILL
YOU DO,
GUREN...?!



NOW BE A
GOOD GIRL
AND...

I DON'T
WANT TO
FIGHT
YOU!

LISTEN
TO ME,
NOBBI!









NOW,
LET'S
FIGHT,

MAKABE-
CHIN!



WHY DON'T
YOU START
BY BOWING
DOWN
BEFORE
ME....!?

KU KU!
WELL
THEN, MY
QUEEN...

PART 1 END